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FLOW OF RIO GRANDE (Continued from Page One.)

Grande water shed since nearly all the vast territory drained by it and its tributaries is a desert country that is not and never will be settled. Grass covers it as thickly as in primitive times because from the absence of permanent water it has not been turned into stock ranges.

A probable cause of diminished flow at this point, however, may be found in the many irrigation ditches that in recent years have been opened from the Pecos. The actual loss to a stream below the irrigated district is not to be measured by the amount of water taken out by the ditches. In Mexico where irrigation has been practiced for hundreds of years it is the popular belief that when water for irrigation is not carried out of the natural basin of a stream that its final average flow is not lessened, while the ordinary flow may be greater where flood water are utilized. The contention is that all the water goes back by seepage to its natural channel. Of course this is incorrect since evaporation is much greater when the water is spread out over fields than when it is confined to the river channel. Then there is the water that is absorbed for plant nutrition.

a much greater item than many suppose, particularly on farms, since all the grains, cane, cotton and cultivated plants generally are great water drinkers. Thus the average flow of a stream must be reduced by irrigation, but where flood waters are thrown on the fields it is reasonable to believe that the ordinary flow of the stream from which the water is taken is increased. This is because flood waters when unimpeded rush off in a few days to the sea, causing short periods of high water and long periods of low ordinary flow. But when thrown onto the fields a great part of it soaks into the ground and by gradually returning to its natural channel keeps up a constant flow.

If half the water that now rushes

worse than uselessly down the Rio Grande in occasional floods could be restrained and fed gradually back to its channel then there could be some natural hope of making it practically navigable in its lower course. Mexico is protesting against the use of water from the Rio Grande because such use may interfere with navigation and joint hydrographic commissions have been investigating the matter for some years. Better appoint a joint commission to agree upon site and division of water for a great dam or series of dams that will throw the flood waters on the rich but thirsty valleys of the Rio Grande. Then a territory of great wealth would undoubtedly be developed on both sides and navigation of the river probably achieved.

Mr. Ballard states that he got his information from the Census Bureau report. Evidently the report must have referred to the Rio Grande at El Paso, a territory that belongs properly to Northwest, not Southwest, Texas. So far as the water supply is concerned the river here is independent of the flow of the Rio Grande at El Paso. From El Paso to Presidio del Norte, where the Conchos River comes in from the west the bed of the Rio Grande is normally dry for the greater part of its course. Notwithstanding then that no water from it ordinarily passes Presidio we have here always a goodly stream with an average flow as noted. As evidence of how independent the water supply here is of what passes El Paso it was

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noted in The News that following a big rise at El Paso last spring there was no perceptible increase in the volume of water here, though the river was closely watched for four weeks thereafter. The water that passes through this part of the Rio Grande comes mainly from the Conchos and Pecos with Devil's River, the Pinto, San Diego and other streams for smaller feeders.

To avoid confusion and misapprehension it would be well if the river that runs from the mouth of the Pecos to the Gulf of Mexico were known as the Pecos or Conchos or by some independent name instead of being called after the flood water creek that runs by El Paso. With that reform we would probably not have competent writers on influential papers telling the world that the possibilities of irrigation have been exhausted in this part of Texas. CHAS. TOWER.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brownsville and Gulf Railway Company will be held at the office of the company, Brownsville, Texas, on Thursday, the 17th day of September, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The transfer books of the company will be closed at 3 o'clock p. m., on the 16th day of September 1903, and will remain closed until three days after the final adjournment of the meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the board of directors will be held at the same place and on the same date.

E. J. PUG, Secretary.
Brownsville, Tex., Aug 11, 1903.

Senator Willacy.

Buys Oil Land.

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